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PRESS RELEASE

U.S. DEFENSE ENVOY ARRIVES IN DHAKA

DHAKA, MARCH 4 -- U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Dr. James A. Schear, will arrive in Bangladesh on March 5. During his visit, he will convey the U.S. Government's appreciation for Bangladesh's extensive commitments to peacekeeping operations, and Dr. Schear and his delegation will observe the opening of the Shanti Doot 3 exercise on March 8, where he will deliver a keynote speech.

The U.S. Department of Defense has a long-standing commitment to support Bangladesh in disaster response and preparedness, and Dr. Schear will also take the opportunity during his time in Bangladesh to visit a multi-purpose cyclone shelter, supported by U.S. Government humanitarian assistance funds, and to observe a disaster response simulation in Patuakhali District.

He will also meet with Bangladesh government officials in Dhaka and deliver a speech at the National Defense College.

Dr. Schear advises the U.S. Department of Defense's leadership on all matters pertaining to stabilization and reconstruction operations, foreign disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, international peacekeeping efforts and non-combatant evacuations. He was appointed in 2009. This is his first visit to Bangladesh.

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